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SUBJECT: REINHARDT'S MEETING WITH HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

1. PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
AND HOLD IT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY REINHARDT'S
ARRIVAL.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO RECEIVE MY SPECIAL EMISSARY, SECRETARY JOHN REINHARDT.
I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DO SO, AND REGRET THE
PRESSURE OF EVENTS DID NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO
MEET WITH YOU DURING MY VISIT TO AFRICA. AMBASSADOR
REINHARDT ACCOMPANIED ME ON MY LATEST MISSION AND IS
PREPARED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF
WHERE OUR INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA STANDS.

3. YOU HAVE, NO DOUBT, SEEN IAN SMITH'S SEPTEMBER 24
ANNOUNCEMENT COMMITTING RHODESIA TO MAJORITY RULE IN TWO
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YEARS. I HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE

PRESIDENTS AND THEY ASSURE ME THE DOOR TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REMAINS OPEN. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS IN A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. WE ALSO MADE PROGRESS TOWARD FINDING A SOLUTION

FOR THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH CAME AS A RESULT OF GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES. AMBASSADOR REINHARDT WILL DESCRIBE THE PROPOSALS WE ADVANCED IN BOTH CASES. THEY WERE, AS I WROTE YOU EARLIER, DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.

4. THE NATIONS OF AFRICA, IN MY JUDGMENT, MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF REALIZING THE AGE OLD DREAM OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE AND OF ADVANCING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, WITHOUT VIOLENCE AND FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION. THIS IS AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY AND ONE YOU HELPED MAKE POSSIBLE. I HAVE PROFITED FROM YOUR WISDOM AND VISION THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE HAVE CONDUCTED OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

KISSINGER

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